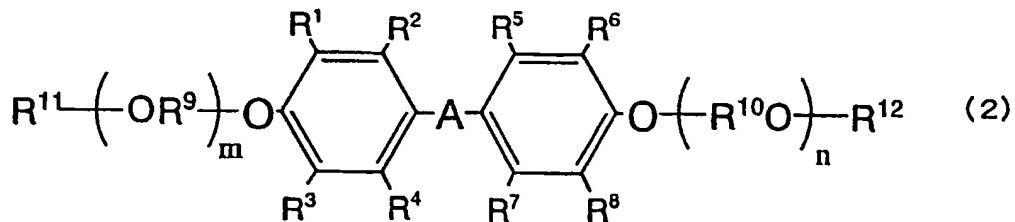


Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A polyamide resin composition comprising polyamide resin and swelling mica treated with a polyether compound,

wherein the polyether compound is represented by general formula (2):



wherein -A- represents -O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -CO-, an alkylene group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, or alkylidene group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms; R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ may be the same or different and each represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, or a monovalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms; R⁹ and R¹⁰ may be the same or different and each represent a divalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms; R¹¹ and R¹² may be the same or different and each represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; m and n each represent the number of oxyalkylene repeating units; and 2 < m + n < 50,

wherein the polyamide resin is one selected from the group consisting of nylon 6, nylon 46, nylon 66, nylon 11, nylon 12, nylon 9T and nylon MXD6.

2. (Previously presented) The polyamide resin composition of claim 1, further comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of a styrene resin, an anhydride-containing olefin copolymer, and a carbon compound.

3. (Original) The polyamide resin composition of claim 1, further comprising a styrene resin.

4. (Original) The polyamide resin composition of claim 1, further comprising an anhydride-containing olefin copolymer.

5. (Currently amended) The polyamide resin composition of claim 4, wherein the anhydride-containing olefin copolymer is obtained by copolymerization or graft reaction of olefin or an olefin copolymer with an alicyclic dicarboxylic anhydride having a cis double bond in the ring ~~or an α, β unsaturated dicarboxylic anhydride~~.

6. (Original) The polyamide resin composition of claim 4, wherein the content of the anhydride-containing olefin copolymer in the polyamide resin composition is in the range of 1 to 30 percent by weight.

7. (Original) The polyamide resin composition of claim 1, further comprising a carbon compound.

8. (Previously presented) The polyamide resin composition of claim 7, wherein the carbon compound is in the form of particles.

9. (Original) The polyamide resin composition of claim 7, wherein the carbon compound is fibrous.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Previously presented) The polyamide resin composition of claim 1, wherein the ratio of the swelling mica having an equivalent circular diameter [D] of 300 nm or less in the composition is 20% or more.

12. (Previously presented) The polyamide resin composition of claim 1, wherein the average of the equivalent circular diameter [D] of the swelling mica in the polyamide resin composition is 500 nm or less.

13. (Previously presented) The polyamide resin composition of claim 1, wherein the average layer thickness of the swelling mica in the polyamide resin composition is 50 nm or less.

14. (Previously presented) The polyamide resin composition of claim 1, wherein the maximum layer thickness of the swelling mica in the polyamide resin composition is 200 nm or less.

15. (Previously presented) The polyamide resin composition of claim 1, wherein the number [N] of particles per unit weight ratio of the swelling mica in the polyamide resin composition is 30 or more.

16. (Previously presented) The polyamide resin composition of claim 1, wherein the average aspect ratio (layer length/layer thickness) of the swelling mica in the polyamide resin composition is 10 to 300.

17. (Previously presented) The polyamide resin composition of claim 1, the content of the swelling mica in the polyamide resin composition is in the range of 0.5 to 30 percent by weight.

18. (Previously presented) The polyamide resin composition of claim 1, prepared by mixing these components.

19. (Previously presented) A method for making a polyamide resin composition, comprising melt-mixing the components of the polyamide resin composition set forth in claim 1.

20. (Previously presented) A molded resin article entirely or partially composed of the polyamide resin composition according to claim 1.

21. (Previously presented) An automobile part entirely or partially composed of the polyamide resin composition according to claim 1.

22. (Previously presented) A molded resin article entirely or partially composed of the

polyamide resin composition according to claim 2.

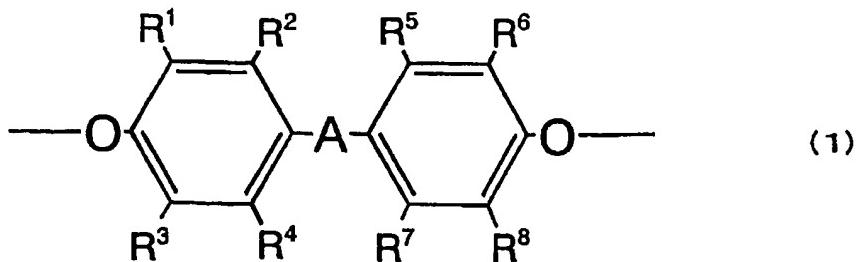
23. (Previously presented) An automobile part entirely or partially composed of the polyamide resin composition according to claim 2.

24. (New) The polyamide resin composition of claim 4, wherein the anhydride-containing olefin copolymer is obtained by copolymerization or graft reaction of olefin or an olefin copolymer with an α , β -unsaturated dicarboxylic anhydride.

25. (New) A method for producing a polyamide resin composition, comprising the steps of:

(I) mixing swelling mica, polar solvent containing water, and a polyether compound;
(II) drying the mixture obtained in the step (I); and
(III) melt-mixing a polyamide resin and the swelling mica treated with the polyether compound to produce the polyamide resin composition,

wherein the polyether compound is represented by the general formula (1):



wherein -A- represents -O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -CO-, an alkylene group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, or alkylidene group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms; and R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ each represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, or a monovalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and the Rs may be the same or different.